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Volunteer Updates

Upcoming Volunteer Events

Valley Park Volunteer Trash Cleanup

Sunday, May 6, 2018: 1:00-3:30 PM

Valley Park ([700 8th St. S., Hopkins](#))



Come help clean trash out of Valley Park and Nine Mile Creek.

We will provide gloves, trash bags, grabbers, and snacks. Please wear long pants and closed toe shoes or rubber boots. Everyone is welcome to attend. **Participants can enter a raffle drawing to win a free rain barrel!**

RSVP at ninemilecreek.org

Volunteer Planting Event

Saturday, June 9, 2018: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point ([12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie](#))

Help us plant 1,000 native plant plugs in the restoration area at Discovery Point. Learn about habitat restoration and native plants, while helping to restore what was once a buckthorn infested area

of the property. We'll provide tools, snacks, and lunch!

RSVP at ninemilecreek.org



Stormdrain Stenciling Kits Available

Looking for a project to do outside after this long winter? Have students that need an active, year-end project? Request one of our stormdrain stenciling kits! The kits come with all the materials you need to apply "No dumping" stickers to the stormdrains in your area.

Email Gael at gzembal@ninemilecreek.org for information.



Become a Master Water Steward



Master Water Stewards is a program that certifies and supports community leaders to install pollution prevention projects. Stewards learn from top industry professionals in a 14 week course, then give back to their community through volunteer projects and education.

For more information and to apply, visit masterwaterstewards.org

Master Water Stewards install a cistern

Photo Contest

Calling all photographers! We are seeking pictures of Nine Mile Creek or anything within the District, including lakes, parks,

wildlife, plants, and outdoor recreation. We especially need winter photos.

Winning photos will be published in the 2019 Nine Mile Creek Photo Calendar. Calendars are distributed free throughout the watershed.

For rules and entry forms, visit ninemilecreek.org/photo-contest



Submission deadline: September 21, 2018

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Volunteers and staff enjoyed speaking with residents at the Bloomington Home Improvement Fair about keeping lakes and creeks clean.



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Volunteering for healthy waters

Hopkins' Valley Park Trash Clean-up





On a sunny Sunday in May, over 50 people gave a few hours to clean trash out of 9 Mile Creek and Valley Park in Hopkins. The volunteers collected 25 bags of trash. Thank you for all your help--through your efforts, you help keep our lakes and creeks clean!

Volunteer Planting



Thank you to everyone who came out to plant 1,000 native flowers at Discovery Point. The rough weather on the scheduled day meant that we had to finish later in the week, but our wonderful volunteers persevered. We look forward to seeing what the restoration will look like when all these flowers start to bloom!

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4th graders at Cornelia Elementary recently marked stormdrains around their school to remind neighbors not to dump anything down the drains. The students were hard workers with positive attitudes--thank you so much for your help marking stormdrains!

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The Master Water Stewards program certifies and supports community leaders in protecting lakes and creeks. Stewards learn from top industry professionals in a blended course setting from October through April. The classes mix online learning and monthly in-person lessons. To graduate, Stewards design and install a capstone project to soak in stormwater in their community.

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Master Water Stewards plant a pollinator mile

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Volunteers and staff helped kindergartners plant native flowers in the prairie behind their school, Creek Valley Elementary.



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